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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT - COTOPAXI CEMENT

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- 1. COMATT DISCUSSED SUBJECT PROJECT WITH LCDO. TERAN VAREA ON FEBRUARY 8, AT WHICH TIME TERAN WAS GIVEN LETTER FROM USDOC (SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT OFFICE) WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BUTTES GAS AND OIL.
- 2. WEST GERMAN FIRM DYCKERHOFF ZEMENTWERKE AG IS NOW OUT OF THE RUNNING AS FAR AS THIS PROJECT IS CONCERNED. ACCORDING TO TERAN, THE FIRM WAS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT THE PROJECT; THEY PROMISED ONE THING TO HIGH-LEVEL GOE MISSION IN GERMANY, BUT RENEGED ON THIS AND OFFERED UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS DURING A FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN QUITO.
- 3. THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT WORRY TERAN ABOUT THE CRESCENT ENGINEERING PROPOSAL: WHAT APPEAR TO HIM TO BE THE INADEUATE TECHNICAL CREDENTIALS OF CRESCENT; AND THE FACT THAT THE PARENT FIRM, BUTTES GAS AND OIL, HAS NEVER BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CEMENT INDUSTRY.
- 4. COMATT POINTED OUT THAT CRESCENT EXPERTISE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CEMENT WAS PRECISELY THE REASON THEY WERE ASKED BY ANOTHER, LARGER U.S. CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING COMPANY TO JOIN IN SUBMITTING A BID ON THE GUAPAN CEMENT PROJECT.

5. VAREA STATED THAT HE HOPES OTHER U.S. FIRMS, HE MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR LONE STAR INDUSTRIES, WOULD ALSO SUBMIT PROPOSALS SO THAT HE COULD HAVE MORE TO

CHOOSE FROM.

6. COMATT OFFERED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH CRESCENT OR ANY OTHER U.S. COMPANY INTERESTED IN PROJECT.
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